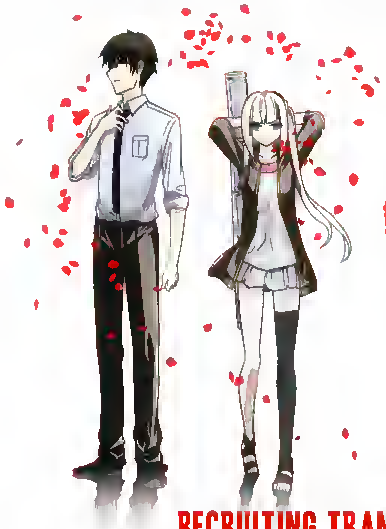

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Chapter 4: Senji Touya's Resolution

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LIKE HELL IT'S EASY...
I SHOULD HAVE GONE WITH THE FLOW YESTERDAY AND DONE IT THEN.
SLITTING YOUR THROAT
ISN'T SOMETHING EASILY DONE CONSCIOUSLY...
YESTERDAY...

PATHETIC
Wow the suns so high
THAT WAS A GREAT CHANCE TO GET A HOLD OF A TALENT...
"SLIT YOUR THROAT, AND THE TALENT IS YOURS" HUH
THAT COULD BE DEFINED AS "YOU STILL HAVE HOPE IN YOU".
"IF YOU HATE YOURSELF, GO KILL IT"
BUT, IT COULD ALSO MEAN,

BEFORE THAT HAPPENS
THIS IS SOMETHING I STOLE FROM HAITO-SAN
THEY COULD COME FOR IT ANY TIME
NO, IT'S NOT TIME FOR ME TO CHICKEN OUT

I NEED TO PULL OUT MY TALENT

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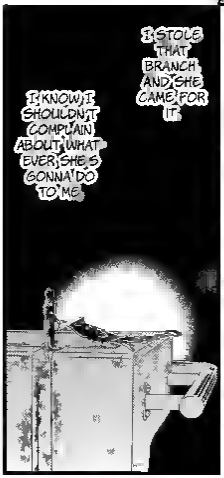
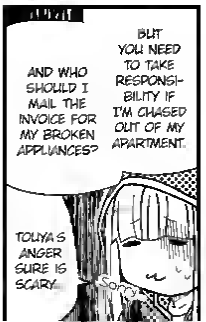
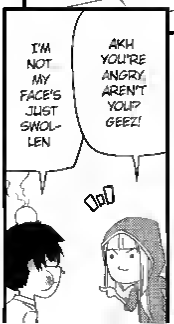
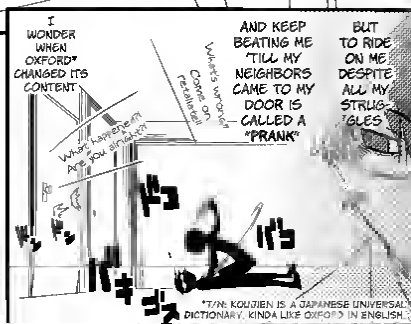
H-HAITO-SAN.
Hey.
YO!
crumble
crumble
cough
ANYWAY, WHY DON'T YOU
DIE ONCE!!
WHACK
SMACK




AND WHO SHOULD I MAIL THE INVOICE FOR MY BROKEN APPLIANCES?
BUT YOU NEED TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY IF I'M CHASED OUT OF MY APARTMENT.
TOLIYA'S ANGER SURE IS SCARY.
SOOO




I WONDER WHEN OXFORD* CHANGED ITS CONTENT.
WHAT HAPPENED? ARE YOU STALKED?
WHAT'S WRONG? COME ON, REMEMBER!
AND KEEP BEATING ME 'TILL MY NEIGHBORS CAME TO MY DOOR IS CALLED A "PRANK"
BUT TO RIDE ON ME DESPITE ALL MY STRUG-GLES
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*T/N: KOUJIEN IS A JAPANESE UNIVERSAL DICTIONARY. KINDA LIKE OXFORD'S IN ENGLISH.

BUT, TOUYA, YOU ALSO SHARE RESPONSIBILITY
Here's a towel
THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE NOT TRANSMIGRATED,
YOU CHARGED IN FRONT OF RETURNERS AND EVEN STOLE THE BRANCH
SINCE YOU LONGED TO TRANSMIGRATE IT SEEMED SO OBVIOUS THAT I THOUGHT YOU'D ALREADY DONE SO
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AND BECAUSE OF THAT HERE
Fully
OR SHOULD I SAY I HAD INTENDED TO GIVE THAT TO YOU YESTERDAY, ANYWAY?
THERE WASN'T ANY NEED FOR YOU TO STEAL IT.
EH, YOU WERE…?
So, what was all that effort for?
UNYAA I'M HERE TO FIND OUT WHAT KIND OF TALENT YOU'LL AWAKEN.
I THOUGHT YOU'RE HERE TO TAKE IT BACK…
…YOU'RE GIVING IT BACK TO ME?
HOW-EVER…

SFX CLENCH

SFX GASP

I KNOW THAT ALL TOO WELL.
THE VISUALIZATION OF PAIN, THE FEAR OF DEATH.
THE ICY BLADE AS IT SLITS,
I WON'T LAUGH, SO STOP ACTING.
THAT'S NOT-!!
EVEN SO, I SLIT MY THROAT.
<...
BEATS ME.
YOU KNOW WHY?
ARE YOU ANY DIFFERENT, TOLU-?
THAT'S BECAUSE MY DESIRE FOR TALENT OVERRIDES MY FEAR.

WELL, TELL ME WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE IT.

IT COULD LIGHTEN YOUR BURDEN
Thud

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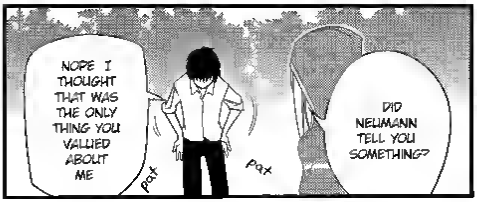
I'M FINE. YOUR WORRY IS NOT NEEDED
HM? YOU SEEMED TO BE STRUGGLING SINCE JUST NOW SO I THOUGHT I'D HOLD YOUR HAND
?
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUT UP A STRONG- ...HM?
BUT .
IT WAS WARM.
I WONDER WHEN I LAST FELT SOMEONE'S WARMTH
WAS IT BOY'S APPEAL? WELL, THAT'S ALSO GOOD!!!
INSENSITIVE GIRL

I ALWAYS SIT ALONE ON THAT BENCH.
NO ONE WOULD LOOK AT ME.
HEY, TOUYA WHAT'S WRONG?
WHAT?
YOU'RE CRYING...
ぽろ...
DID YOU HATE IT SO MUCH...?
WELL, YOU FIGURED IT OUT.
YOU MEANIE!! SO YOU MEAN I'M THE VILLAIN HERE?
I WAS KIDDING.
I WAS TOUCHED BY YOUR CONCERN.
REALLY?
THANK YOU
YOU'RE SO KIND, HAITO-SAN.
AM I?


NOPE I THOUGHT THAT WAS THE ONLY THING YOU VALUED ABOUT ME
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DID NEUMANN TELL YOU SOMETHING?

I GUESS YOU REALLY WANT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF RETURNERS EVEN BY ONE HUH?

HMMM.

OUR "FOREST OF THE GREAT" DOES LACK IN MEMBERS SO WE'RE LOOKING FOR MORE RETURNERS
THAT'S WHY NEUMANN ASKED US TO APPROACH THOSE WITH THE POTENTIAL
BUT THAT'S NOT WHY I CARE ABOUT YOU...

...
... HUH?

I COULDN'T LEAVE YOU ALONE

I TOLD YOU WE'RE ALIKE
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN...?
FWOOSH
THOSE EYES, SWIRLING WITH DESIRES AND IMPATIENCE.
THEY'RE EXACTLY LIKE MINE, BEFORE I GOT MY TALENT.

WHOOSH
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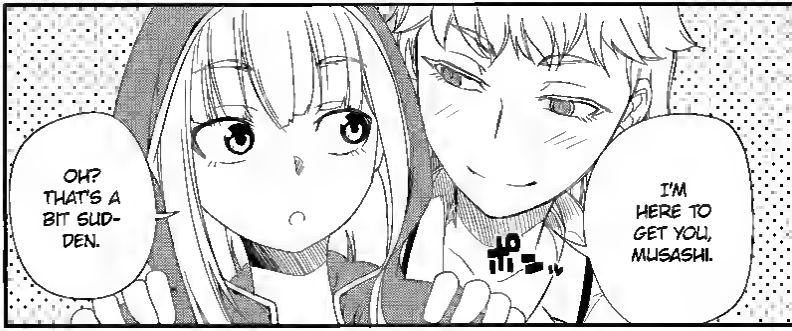
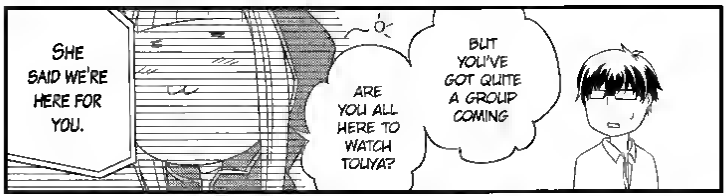

I'M HERE TO GET YOU, MUSASHI.
OH? THAT'S A BIT SUD-DEN.


BUT YOU'VE GOT QUITE A GROUP COMING
ARE YOU ALL HERE TO WATCH TOUYA?
SHE SAID WE'RE HERE FOR YOU.

WHAT...

THIS MANY PEOPLE SHOWED UP?
WITHOUT NOTICE

RETURNERS.
MORE IMPORTANTLY, THEY'RE ALL...
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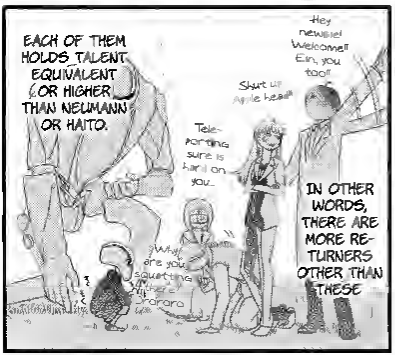
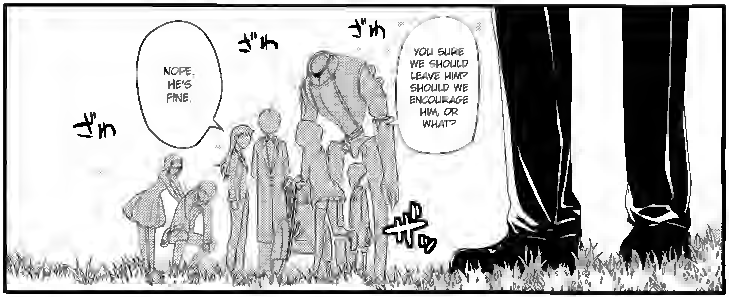
I'M NEUMANN.
It's the first time we've met
SENJI TOUYA.
YOU SEEM FIT AND FINE, HUH?
SINCE THEY'RE ALL HERE, I'LL INTRODUCE EVERYONE.
NEUMANN HATES BEING CALLED PUNY OR CUTE.
SO NEUMANN REINCARNATED AS SUCH A GIRL...
THANKS FOR YESTERDAY...
EH? WHY ARE YOU
OUUU-CCHHHH OUCH OUCH

FROM RIGHT TO LEFT: NEWTON, EINSTEIN, NOBEL, PICASSO, NIGHTINGALE, FUNASAKA HIROSHI


EACH OF THEM HOLDS TALENT EQUIVALENT (OR HIGHER THAN NEUMANN OR HAITO.
Hey newbie! Welcome! Ein, you too!
Shut up, Agile Head!
Teleporting sure is hard on you...
IN OTHER WORDS, THERE ARE MORE RETURNERS OTHER THAN THESE
What are you squatting for?
Prorara

WE WISHED FOR TALENT AND GRABBED A HOLD OF IT
EVERY-ONE'S THE SAME WITH TOUYA
WE ALL HATED OUR-SELVES
THOSE WHO CAN BECOME RETURNERS ARE NOT THOSE WITH TALENT IN THEIR PREVI-OUS LIVES.
SHE'S RIGHT
THEY ALL WISHED FOR A TALENT THAT THEY SLIT THEIR THROATS
THEY ALL WISHED TO CHANGE,
AND TO BECOME DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS
YOU CAN LEAVE THE BRANCH AND GO BACK TO YOUR DAILY LIFE
IF YOU DON'T HAVE THAT RESOLU-TION,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NOPE. HE'S FINE.
YOU SURE WE SHOULD LEAVE HIM? SHOULD WE ENCOURAGE HIM, OR WHAT?

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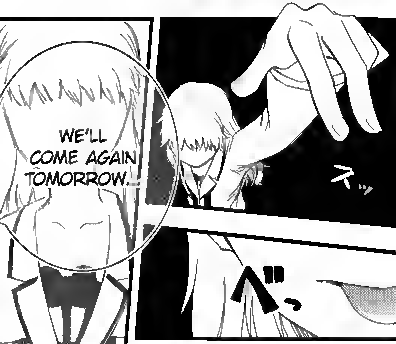
HIS FACE IS FULL OF RESOLUTION…

WHEN WE COME…


WE'LL COME AGAIN TOMORROW…
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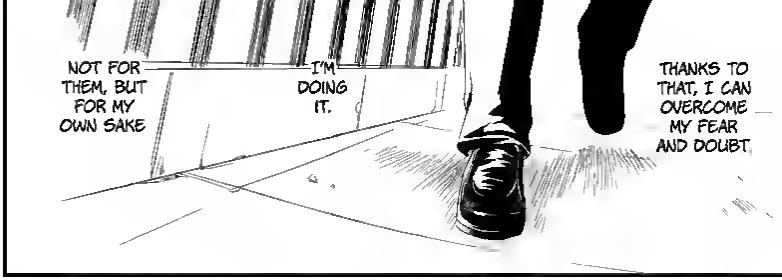
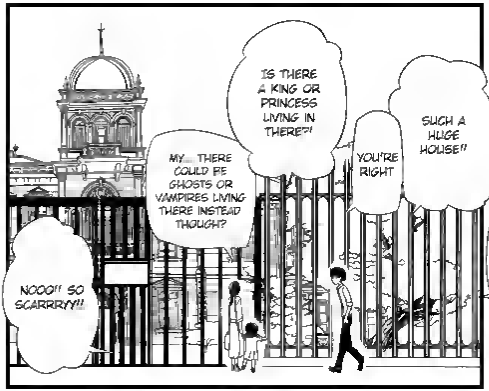
LET'S MEET AS FELLOW RETURNERS.
SOME VISITORS CAME
THEY STIR ME UP
AND WITH THEIR POWERFUL WORDS,


NOT FOR THEM, BUT FOR MY OWN SAKE
I'M DOING IT.
THANKS TO THAT, I CAN OVERCOME MY FEAR AND DOUBT.


NOOO!! SO SCARRRY!!
MY... THERE COULD BE GHOSTS OR VAMPIRES LIVING THERE INSTEAD THOUGH?
IS THERE A KING OR PRINCESS LIVING IN THERE?!
YOU'RE RIGHT
SUCH A HUGE HOUSE!!

!!!
MOMMY LOOK!

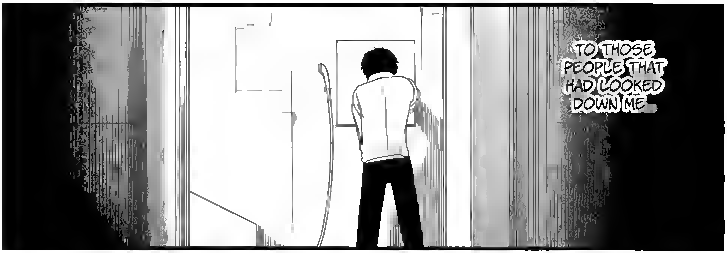
I WANT A TALENT.

SENJI

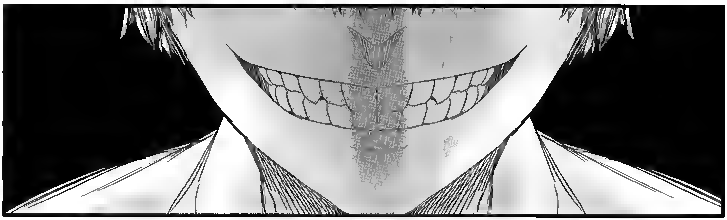
I ONCE HAD A BROTHER.

HE EXCELLED IN HIS STUDIES, IN SPORTS, AND EVEN IN THE ARTS. PEOPLE CALLED HIM "GOD'S CHILD".
HE STARTED TO BUILD UP HIS FORTUNE. SINCE A YOUNG AGE, PEOPLE WERE EXPECTING SO MUCH FROM HIM.
AND THEY STARTED TO COMPARE AND PRESSURE THE TALENT-LESS ME.
I WAS AFRAID I WOULD DISGRACE MY FAMILY.
THUS, I INHERITED THAT ROLE.
THEN, THAT GENIUS BROTHER DIED FROM ILLNESS

I DON'T CARE WHAT I HAVE TO DO FOR THAT.
THAT'S WHY I'M GONNA GET A HOLD OF MY TALENT.
AND LET THEM REGRET EVERYTHING THAT'S MY REVENGE


TO THOSE PEOPLE THAT HAD LOOKED DOWN ME

TO MY VERY SELF, WHO NEVER SPEAKS UP NOR SHOWS RESULTS



I'M
GONNA
RETALIATE.

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